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with 3-D Woven Joint Pre-Forms**

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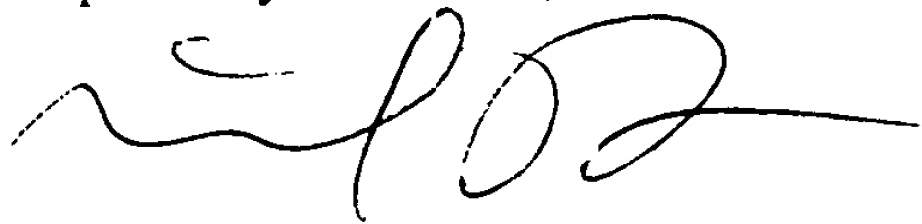
Three publications related to the present invention and published prior to one year before the filing date are enclosed. However, these publications do not constitute prior art publications for the present invention under §102(b), lacking claimed elements. Specifically, these publications fail to show an adhesive film being used to adhere textile preforms to components.

In “3-D Composite in Primary Aircraft Structure Joints “, Figures 1 and 4 show textile preforms and their use in forming assemblies. However, these figures and accompanying text do not detail assemblies and do not show use of an adhesive film between the preform and the components.

In “Robust Composite Sandwich Structures”, Figure 5-7 and 9 show textile preforms and their use in forming assemblies, as do Figures 1,3, and 7 in “Affordable Composite Structure for Next Generation Fighters”. However, these also do not show the use of an adhesive film in the assembly.

Also enclosed are copies of related U.S. Patent Applications filed after the present application.

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